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I WANT A KITTEN for a pet," said Jimmy.

"I want a pet bear just like Teddy," said Susan. She hugged her teddy bear close. She had hugged it so much that one ear was gone and its fur looked worn and shabby.





“Oh,” said Jimmy, “that’s just a toy. There are no real live teddy bears.”

“Oh, yes there are!” replied Susan. She wasn’t really sure that there were real live teddy bears, but she pretended that she knew.



“Let’s ask Daddy where I can get one!” So off they went to find him.

“Daddy, where can I get a real live teddy bear?” asked Susan.



“Well, let’s sit down,” he replied,  
“and I will take you on a hunt for Teddy.  
There is an animal that looks very much  
like Susan’s teddy bear. It’s called a  
koala bear.”





“Koala bear? That’s a funny name,”  
said Jimmy.

“Now, where do you suppose we  
should go to look for koala bears?” asked  
Daddy.

“In a pet shop?” responded Susan.

“In a zoo?” said Jimmy.

“No, you are both wrong! We would have to go to a country called Australia. Now when we get to Australia, where







do you suppose we should go searching for our koala bear?"

"In a pet shop," said Susan.

"No," said Jimmy. "I think we'll find him in a forest."





“You are right, Jimmy,” laughed Daddy. “We will have to hunt for koala bears where there are trees, because trees are where they make their homes.”

“Do they eat the apples on the trees?” asked Susan.

“No,” said Daddy. “They like to live in a special kind of tree. It is called a eucalyptus tree. The koala bear eats its leaves.”





“Does a koala bear look just like Susan’s old teddy bear?” asked Jimmy.

“Not just like it,” said Daddy, “but they do look much alike because they have soft brownish-gray fur, rounded ears and big black noses.”





“How big are the bears, Daddy?”  
asked Susan.

“Well, if a full-grown koala bear stood  
on its hind legs, it would just about come



to your shoulder,” Daddy answered.

“Baby koalas must be tiny if their mothers aren’t as large as Susan,” said Jimmy.





“Yes, a baby koala is very small,” Daddy answered. “And a mother koala has a special pouch hidden in her soft fur where she can carry her baby.”

“Oh,” said Susan, “like a kangaroo.”



“See Susan,” said Daddy, pointing to the teddy bear’s stomach. “Right here is where the pouch would be on a mother koala.



“And after the baby leaves the pouch, he rides on the mother’s back and shoulders.”





“There is something else I haven’t told you,” Daddy went on. “Suppose you found a koala sleeping. How do you think he would look?”



“I think he would curl up in that tree!” said Susan.

“You’re right, we would find our sleeping koala in a fork of a eucalyptus tree.”







“I’d certainly like to look for a sleeping koala bear,” said Jimmy, “but guess we would have to stay up all night to do that, wouldn’t we?”

“That’s another thing,” said Daddy. “They sleep in the daytime and eat at night.”



“Oh, I never dreamed that my teddy bear was such an unusual animal,” said Susan. “Come now, Teddy. I don’t have any leaves to feed you, but I’ll tuck you in a cozy corner and you can have a good rest!”














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